MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (1) There were nine meetings of the Retrenchment Committee up to the end of Meenam 1107 covering 39 days in all.

(2) Mr. K. Narayanaperumal Nadar was present on all the days. Mr. S. Krishna Pillai was absent for 14 days and Mr. A. Thanu Pillai for 1 day.

Retrenchment of salaries of officers.

273. MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) if the question of reduction of salaries of the officers in the higher grade was ever considered by the Retrenchment Committee;

(*b*) if so, the date of the meeting of the Committee at which it was considered;

(*c*) whether all the non-official members of the Committee were present at that meeting;

(*d*) whether any final settlement was arrived at, and, if so, what it is; and

(*e*) if not, the reason why the question is kept pending so long?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The question of a temporary reduction in the salaries of the officers of the State up to a certain limit was considered by the Retrenchment Committee.

(*b*) 20-7-1107 and 27-8-1107.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Committee have recommended that the pay or leave allowance of all Government servants whose pay or leave allowance is not less than Rs. 40 per mensem may be temporarily reduced at the following rates:—

(1) By 5 per cent. in the case of officers whose pay or leave allowance is not less than Rs. 40 per mensem but is less than Rs. 100 per mensem.

(2) By 7½ per cent. in the case of officers whose pay or leave allowance is not less than Rs. 100 per mensem, but is less than Rs. 300 per mensem.

(3) By 10 per cent. in the case of officers whose pay or leave allowance is not less than Rs. 300 per mensem.

(*e*) In view of the answer to part (*d*), this question does not arise.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): With reference to part (*d*), may I know the date on which the recommendation was forwarded to Government?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It must be *after* 27-8-1107.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): I want the *date* on which it was forwarded.

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MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to give the information.

MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the Government have passed any orders on the recommendation?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Final orders have not yet been passed.

Remission of fees on demand notices issued in the second half of 1106.

274. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether orders have been issued by them to the Dewan Peishkars for remitting the fees on demand notices issued in the second half of 1106 and adjusting such fees already realised towards the *kist* due in 1107;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the date and the number of such order; and

(*c*) whether the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, has issued orders to the Tahsildars that the fees on demand notices remitted in the second half of 1106 should be realised as arrears?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government have issued orders that the demand notice fees realised in the 2nd half of 1106 be remitted in the year 1107 on the strength of the Government order R. O. C. No. 2764/31/Rev., dated the 31st July 1931, and the fact noted in the respective *thandapers* of 1107 the balance of tax alone being realised from the ryots during the year 1107.

(*b*) R. O. C. No. 2764/31/Rev., dated 16th April 1932.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When did the first instalment of *kist* for 1107 fall due?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): On the 15th Vrischikam 1107.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why there was this long delay in issuing the second order?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am not in a position to answer that question now. This order relates to the second instalment of *kist* for the year 1106.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Yes; and it says that the demand notice fees realised in the second half of 1106 must be remitted in the year 1107, and the balance of tax alone realised from the ryots during the year 1107. What I want to know is why this order was not issued before Vrischikam 1107 in which the first instalment of *kist* for 1107 fell due. As it is, on account of the delay in the issue of the order, the ryots could not get the benefit of the adjustment of the demand notice fees, paid in 1106, towards the dues of 1107.

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